

Agenda at a Glance



Monday, Oct. 30

2-5 p.m.

Registration – Lobby
Informational booths open – Lobby
Graduate credit booth open – Lobby

5-9 p.m.

Dinner and Opening General Session – Grand Galleria
Welcome: Education Secretary Rick Melmer
Presentation of colors
Presentation of teacher recognition awards
Featured speaker: Governor M. Michael Rounds
Presentation of South Dakota Teacher of the Year
Dessert and entertainment by Surprise Package

Tuesday, Oct. 31

7 a.m.

Registration opens – Lobby

7-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast – Gallery A

7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Informational booths open – Lobby

7:30-10 a.m.

Graduate credit booth open – Lobby

8-8:30 a.m.

Mandatory meeting for those taking conference for graduate credit – Gallery F&G

8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions
For today's sessions, attendees are assigned to a specific room, according to the colored dot on your nametag. Speakers will rotate from room to room. See page 4 for details.

2010 Education Initiative

Dr. Rick Melmer and Wade Pogany, South Dakota Department of Education

Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership

Matt Kuhn, McREL

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn

Kari Senger and April Hodges, Coordinated School Health

Reclaiming Interventions

Dr. Steve Van Bockern, Augustana College

Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works

Howard Pitler, McREL

Noon-1 p.m.

Sack Lunch (seating in Gallery A)

1 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions resume

5-5:30 p.m.

Pre-dinner entertainment by Sheltered Reality
Sheltered Reality is a nonprofit organization that uses a unique mix of music and education to motivate audiences to advocate for people in need, especially children and families.

5:30-9 p.m.

Dinner and General Session
Performance by Sheltered Reality
Featured speaker: Shannon Pickard, Shannon Pickard International

Wednesday, Nov. 1

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast – Lobby

8:30-11:15 a.m.

Breakout Sessions (see page 5 for details)

11:15-11:45 a.m.

Please use this time to check out of your rooms and do some informal networking, as we set up the Grand Galleria for the Closing Luncheon and General Session.

11:45 a.m.

Closing Luncheon and General Session – Grand Galleria
Featured speaker: Kimberly Oliver, 2006 National Teacher of the Year

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Schedule of Concurrent Sessions

Conference attendees will be assigned to a specific room for today's concurrent sessions. Speakers will rotate from room to room, so all attendees will hear each of the concurrent sessions once. To determine which room you have been assigned to for the day, look for the colored dot on your nametag. Descriptions for the sessions can be found on page 6.

Time	Blue Group Theatre I	Yellow Group Theatre II	Green Group Gallery B	Orange Group Gallery C	Purple Group Gallery D&E
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Reclaiming Interventions	Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works	Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn	2010 Education Initiative	Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership
9:30-9:45 a.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership	Reclaiming Interventions	Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works	Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn	2010 Education Initiative
10:45-11 a.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11 a.m.-Noon	2010 Education Initiative	Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership	Reclaiming Interventions	Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works	Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn
Noon-1 p.m.	Sack Lunch	Sack Lunch	Sack Lunch	Sack Lunch	Sack Lunch
1-2 p.m.	Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn	2010 Education Initiative	Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership	Reclaiming Interventions	Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works
2-2:15 p.m.	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2:15-3:15 p.m.	Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works	Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn	2010 Education Initiative	Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership	Reclaiming Interventions

Wednesday, Nov. 1



Schedule of Breakout Sessions

A total of 30 breakout sessions will be offered between 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. on Wednesday. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend three of these sessions. Below is a list of sessions, their times and locations. Descriptions of the sessions can be found on pages 7-11.

	8:30-9:15 a.m.	9:30-10:15 a.m.	10:30-11:15 a.m.
Gallery A	Graduation at Risk: Improving the Graduation Rate of a Diverse Student Population	IMPROV-ing the Power of Educators	IMPROV-ing the Power of Educators
Gallery B	Guidance Central at a Glance	Career Clusters: Connecting All Students to the Future	DIBELS and Beyond
Gallery C	Everything You Wanted to Know about DSTEP But Were Afraid to Ask	Changing the Way We Do Business in the Teaching of Reading	Effective Strategies for Retaining Native American Students
Gallery D & E	South Dakota Counts: Best Practices in Elementary Math	Team Nutrition Ideas and Events	Nutrition Curriculum Update
Gallery F & G	Meeting Early Learning Standards through Engaging Activities	How to Achieve Student Results and Impact Instruction	Program Highlights - 2006 Governor Rounds' Healthy School Award Winners
Lake Sharpe	School Wellness Policies: Where Do We Go from Here?	SDPB: A Great Teacher's Aide	Aligning Health and Reading with a HEAP of books
Lake Francis Case	If I Said You Had a Beautiful Body ...	Figuring Out the National Board Certification Process	Bring the Library into Your Classroom with State Library Databases
Lake Lewis & Clark	Senior Projects	Teachers as Advisors	The New South Dakota Social Studies Standards
Theatre I	Using the NAEP Questions Tool	DACS Made Easy	Professional Practices/ Code of Ethics for Teachers and Administrators
Theatre II	Building Capacity for Parent Involvement	Accommodations in the Classroom and for Statewide Assessment	Teachers: Recognizing and Honoring Quality

Tuesday Session Descriptions ●●○○●●○○●●○○●●○○●●

Below is a brief description of each of Tuesday's Concurrent Sessions. Attendees will spend the day in their assigned rooms, while speakers will rotate from room to room.

2010 Education Initiative

Presenters: Dr. Rick Melmer, Secretary, and Wade Pogany, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-3134

Learn about the 2010 Education Initiative, a plan for the future of education in South Dakota. This presentation will outline the state's goals, vision and progress under the 2010E plan. The plan includes three major components. Starting Strong addresses the needs of the state's youngest learners (age 3 to grade 3). Finishing Strong identifies strategies for improving the high school experience. Staying Strong covers issues such as teacher recruitment/retention, Native American education and school funding. Participants will be involved through questions and discussion.

Developing a Purposeful Community through Balanced Leadership

Presenter: Matt Kuhn, Senior Consultant, McREL

Contact: (303) 632-5628 or mkuhn@mcrel.org

Based on the book "School Leadership that Works," McREL's Matt Kuhn shows how developing a purposeful community improves student achievement. This session will cover the four essential components of purposeful community, including: accomplishing purpose and producing outcomes that matter to all, wise use of tangible and intangible assets, agreed-upon processes, and collective efficacy.

Fit, Healthy and Ready to Learn

Presenters: Kari Senger, Co-Director, and April Hodges, HIV Prevention Coordinator, Coordinated School Health, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-3134

Today's students face a variety of issues that have the potential to greatly impact their academic success. The 2005 South Dakota Youth Risk Behavior Survey results include information

regarding drug, tobacco and alcohol use; sexual behaviors; violence; suicide; dietary behaviors; and physical activity. Learn about the current health issues facing our youth and how schools and communities can work together to raise healthy children!

Reclaiming Interventions

Presenter: Dr. Steve Van Bockern, Augustana College

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Building positive relationships is at the heart of caring environments that ultimately create places where children want to learn. Ideally, relevant curriculum delivered by competent and caring adults will inspire youth to learn. However, the reality is that students, for many reasons, don't often respond as adults would like. Adults need a variety of skills and techniques that will help them manage inappropriate behaviors as well as crisis behavior. During this session, participants will discover techniques and strategies including 10 relationship building ideas, the conflict cycle and adult counter aggression, and the differences in the psychological worlds of a helping adult and a hurting child.

Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works

Presenter: Howard Pitler, Director of Educational Technology, McREL

Contact: (303) 632-5554 or hpitler@mcrel.org

With more than 750,000 copies sold to date, "Classroom Instruction that Works" is shaping instruction in classrooms throughout the country. In this session, Howard Pitler will briefly review those strategies and then show, by example, how technology can be used to support effective teaching strategies.

Wednesday Session Descriptions ●●○○●●○○●●○○●●

The following pages contain brief descriptions of the breakout sessions offered Wednesday morning. Sessions are listed in alphabetical order under the timeframe they are offered.

8:30-9:15 a.m. ●●○○●●○○

Building Capacity for Parent Involvement

Presenter: Lori Laughlin, Parent Resource Network

Contact: (605) 347-6260 or
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This workshop explores the parent-teacher relationship and offers insights and strategies that will assist educators in developing productive partnerships with parents.

Everything You Wanted to Know about DSTEP But Were Afraid to Ask

Presenter: Gay Pickner, Director of Assessment, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-3247 or
gay.pickner@state.sd.us

This session will cover the basics of the Dakota STEP. The session will address the test, the testing process and commonly asked questions. Also, learn about the transition from NRT to CRT by 2008. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Graduation at Risk: Improving the Graduation Rate of a Diverse Student Population

Presenters: Bev Petersen and Cindy Kirschman, Black Hills Special Services Co-op

Contact: (605) 367-5330 or
bev.petersen@state.sd.us

Where do students with disabilities stand under No Child Left Behind? Unfortunately, statistics show a higher drop-out and unemployment rate among these students, as compared to their peers of the same age. Come and hear how the Transition Services Liaison Project can work with you to develop strategies for ALL students to graduate and succeed! Appropriate for grades: 9-12

Guidance Central at a Glance

Presenters: Steven Rounds and Peg Henson, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-7006 Steve Rounds or (605) 773-2489 Peg Henson

The Department of Education is making Guidance Central available to all of the state's public high schools for the 2006-07 school year. This session will review the complete suite of online career planning tools. Participants will learn about the components of Guidance Central, including Explorer, Planner and TestGEAR, as well as other online career assessments. Appropriate for: middle and high school

If I Said You Had a Beautiful Body ...

Presenter: Jerry Sauer, Civil Rights Coordinator, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-4740 or
jerry.sauer@state.sd.us

Are you overlooking or turning your head when you see or hear of bullying and sexual harassment of students in your classroom? Learn what you can do to identify these situations and to reduce both behaviors in your school. Appropriate for: middle and high school

Meeting Early Learning Standards through Engaging Activities

Presenters: Gera Jacobs, Professor of Early Childhood, University of South Dakota

Contact: (605) 677-5822 or
Gera.Jacobs@usd.edu

This presentation will provide an overview of South Dakota's new Early Learning Guidelines for preschool that align with the state's content standards for kindergarten. Suggestions for engaging activities to help children meet standards in all areas will be presented. Participants will receive a copy of the Early Learning Guidelines and additional resources. Appropriate for: elementary

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School Wellness Policies: Where Do We Go from Here?

Presenter: Sandra Kangas, Supervisor,
Child and Adult Nutrition
Services, S.D. Department of
Education

Contact: (605) 773-4746 or
sandra.kangas@state.sd.us

Come to this session to get your questions about school wellness policies answered and learn about the next steps after putting a policy in place at your school. Understand how you fit into the process and how the changes made at your school can help prevent childhood obesity. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Senior Projects

Presenter: Marsha Kucker, State High
Schools That Work
Coordinator

Contact: (605) 280-0650 or
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The 2010 Education Initiative invites school districts to implement Senior Projects, a high-school capstone course requiring students to demonstrate what they know and can do. Students become “experts” in a chosen topic and showcase their skills and abilities gathered from their high school experience through a paper, a portfolio, a project, and a final presentation. Strategies for implementing Senior Projects at your school will be shared. Appropriate for grades: 9-12

South Dakota Counts: Best Practices in Elementary Math

Presenter: Jan Martin, Math Curriculum
Specialist, S.D. Department of
Education

Contact: (605) 773-3246 or
jan.martin@state.sd.us

This session will provide an overview of South Dakota Counts, a focused professional development program for K-5 teachers. The major emphasis will be on research-based strategies that any teacher can implement in their classroom, so that students can be active learners of mathematics. Participants will engage in proven strategies for problem solving and minds-on, hands-on learning. Appropriate for: elementary

Using the NAEP Questions Tool

Presenter: Gary Skoglund, NAEP
Director, S.D. Department of
Education

Contact: (605) 773-5229

The National Assessment of Educational Progress has a database of released questions tied to standards in math, reading and science that can be used in the classroom. Grades 4 and 8 are the primary target. This is a presentation that will go online to demonstrate the use. Appropriate for: elementary and middle school

9:30-10:15 a.m. ●●○●●○

Accommodations in the Classroom and for Statewide Assessment

Presenter: Linda Turner, Special
Education Program Specialist,
S.D. Department of Education

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General educators are responsible for carrying out accommodations determined appropriate on the IEP or 504. This session will cover the process of determining appropriate accommodations during the IEP or 504 meeting. The roles of general educators, administrators, parents, and special educators in providing and monitoring the use of accommodations also will be addressed. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Career Clusters: Connecting All Students to the Future

Presenters: Gloria Smith-Rockhold,
Mark Wilson, Becky Nelson,
S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-3423

Career clusters provide a new model for career education. They give students a broader foundation for making critical career decisions. The combination of rigorous academics and career education helps answer the question: “Why do I have to learn this?” Come and learn more about career clusters and how you can become involved in this exciting new direction for education. Appropriate for grades: 9-12

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Changing the Way We Do Business in the Teaching of Reading

Presenter: Michelle Mehlberg, Reading First Director, S.D. Department of Education

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Learn about a system of teaching reading in grades K-3 that is based on scientifically based research that is working in South Dakota schools. The system appears to be closing the achievement gap and is moving all students toward proficiency in reading at all four grade levels. Data will be shared. Participants also will gather ideas for implementing the system in your school and moving K-3 students toward grade level proficiency in reading. Appropriate for: elementary

DACS Made Easy

Presenters: Jeanette Meade and Stephanie Weideman, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-4662 or jeanette.meade@state.sd.us

The session will explore how the Dakota Assessment of Content Standards can be used in the classroom. An overview of the program will be presented, along with step-by-step instructions on how to access, take the tests and how to interpret and use the results. Handouts with easy-to-follow instructions will be shared. A question-and-answer session will conclude the program. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Figuring Out the National Board Certification Process

Presenter: Mary Williams, National Board Certified Teacher, Wall High School

Contact: Roxie Thielen, S.D. Department of Education, (605) 773-4669 or roxie.thielen@state.sd.us

National Board Certified Teacher Mary Williams will explain the process of becoming certified through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. This explanation will include personal growth reflections and candidate support options for those interested in pursuing this valuable certification. Appropriate for grades: K-12

How to Achieve Student Results and Impact Instruction

Presenter: Stephanie Weideman, Director of Curriculum, Technology and Assessment, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-3783 or stephanie.weideman@state.sd.us

Looking to determine what exactly it is that your students know and how to immediately impact instruction? This session will show educators how to use the Achievement Series, a powerful Web-based assessment platform, to develop and administer standards-based tests using paper or over the Web to capture results and produce standards-based reports immediately. Key components of the AS include: standards-based student performance data to assist in instructional planning; detailed analysis and reporting of data by subgroups as required by No Child Left Behind; and student achievement data through real-time results displayed in user-friendly charts and graphs. Appropriate for grades: K-12

IMPROV-ing the Power of Educators

Presenter: Shannon Pickard, Shannon Pickard International

Contact: (832) 755-0939 or shannon@shannonpickard.com

This upbeat session will take you out of your comfort zone as you discover how the skills used in improv comedy can work in your classroom. Learn to break down barriers and connect with students. Relax and enjoy as you find new ways to present the same old information.

SDPB: A Great Teacher's Aide

Presenter: Sherri Rodgers, South Dakota Public Broadcasting

Contact: (605) 677-6454 or sherri.rodgers@state.sd.us

South Dakota Public Broadcasting has free resources for teachers of all grade levels and subject areas. Find out what they are and how you can easily access them. Attendees will be able to take several items home with them.

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Teachers as Advisors

Presenter: Marsha Kucker, State Coordinator, High Schools That Work

Contact: (605) 367-7680 or
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This presentation provides an overview of the Teachers as Advisors program for middle and high schools. It will provide information on the basis of implementing the program, as well as curriculum resources that are available. Appropriate for: middle and high school

Team Nutrition Ideas and Events

Presenter: Amy Richards, Child Nutrition Program Specialist, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-4718 or
amy.richards@state.sd.us

Nutrition and physical activity are not just for health, PE and FACS classes! Your students can learn healthy habits in subjects such as math, science, art, social studies, reading/language arts, band, and technology. Participants will receive a copy of Popular Team Nutrition Events with lots of great ideas for incorporating healthy habits into your classrooms. Appropriate for grades: K-12

10:30-11:15 a.m. ●●○●●

Aligning Health and Reading with a HEAP of Books

Presenters: Sandy Klarenbeek and Dr. Joanna Jones, Black Hills State University

Contact: (605) 642-6042 or
sandy.klarenbeek@bhsu.edu

This presentation will inform participants how they can infuse reading into health curriculum, which can result in significant reading gains without sacrificing time or content. BHSU College of Education faculty share their experience of teaching undergraduate education majors how to develop reading and health lessons, aligned to health education standards and assessment. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Bring the Library into your Classroom with State Library Databases

Presenter: Julie Erickson, South Dakota State Library

Contact: (605) 295-1994 or
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Do you use the full-text databases provided by the South Dakota State Library? The State Library provides free access for K-12 schools to a variety of resources. Learn about the many database features and how useful they can be in your classroom. Appropriate for grades: K-12

DIBELS and Beyond

Presenter: Shannon Schweitzer, Curriculum Specialist, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-8193 or
shannon.schweitzer@state.sd.us

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy are a set of brief assessments that measure the “vital signs” of early literacy and reading development. This session will provide a brief overview of DIBELS and how to effectively utilize the data gathered from these assessments. Appropriate for: elementary

Effective Strategies for Retaining Native American Students

Presenters: Ted Hamilton and Stacy Phelps, GEAR UP, and Keith Moore, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-6118 or
keith.moore@state.sd.us

This session will deliver effective teaching strategies for retaining Native American students. These strategies have been proven over the past 14 years and currently are being implemented by the South Dakota Department of Education’s GEAR UP Program. Native American graduation rates are a key objective of Governor Rounds’ 2010 Education Initiative. Appropriate for: middle and high school

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The New South Dakota Social Studies Standards

Presenter: Brenda Robertson, Curriculum Specialist, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-2533 or brenda.robertson@state.sd.us

South Dakota's new Social Studies Content Standards were approved by the South Dakota Board of Education in May 2006. This session will familiarize participants with the format of the standards as well as major changes from the old standards. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Nutrition Curriculum Update

Presenter: Amy Richards, Child Nutrition Program Specialist, S.D. Department of Education

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New and updated nutrition curriculum for K-12 is available from South Dakota Team Nutrition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other government agencies. Learn how to access these free resources. Receive a free set of the new MyPyramid for Teachers (grades 1-6). Appropriate for grades: K-12

Program Highlights - 2006 Governor Round's Healthy School Award Winners

Presenters: Diana Larson, Madison School District, and Joyce Larson, Stanley County Elementary

Contact: Kari Senger (605) 773-4257 or kari.senger@state.sd.us

A panel of representatives discusses the programs and policies that led to their designation as 2006 Governor Rounds' Healthy School Award winners. This year's winners included: Stanley County Elementary, Lead-Deadwood Middle School, Sturgis Brown High School, and the Madison Central School District. Gain tips and insights as to how these schools developed and implemented their award-winning programs. Appropriate for grades: K-12

Professional Practices/Code of Ethics for Teachers and Administrators

Presenters: Michelle Bennett, Legal Counsel, and Lisa Lomheim, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-4705 or lisa.lomheim@state.sd.us

This session will address South Dakota's Code of Ethics for Teachers and related issues. Find answers to questions such as "Who is held accountable?", "What are my obligations to students, the public and my profession?" and "Where do I go from here?"

Teachers: Recognizing and Honoring Quality

Presenters: Deedra Gesinger, Jantina Nelson-Statsny, Roxie Thielen, Carol Uecker, S.D. Department of Education

Contact: (605) 773-3553

There have been numerous changes to teacher certification rules over the past two years. Some of these changes are the result of No Child Left Behind, and others are due to recognizing the high quality of teachers we have in South Dakota. This session will update participants on pertinent changes that affect their certification. Appropriate for grades: K-12